Montana

Trapping Regulations

1986-87

DEFINITIONS

Furbearing animals as defined by the law are marten or sable, otter, muskrat, fisher, mink, bobcat, lynx, wolverine, swift fox, and beaver. ONLY RESIDENTS MAY TRAP FURBEARERS. LICENSE REQUIRED.

Predatory animals are coyote, weasel, skunk and civet cat. LICENSE REQUIRED FOR NONRESIDENT TRAPPERS.

Nongame wildlife means any wild animal not otherwise legally classified by statute or regulation in Montana. Examples of nongame wildlife with commercial value are badger, raccoon, and red fox. LICENSE REQUIRED FOR NONRESIDENT TRAPPERS.

Fur dealer defined as any person or persons, firm, company or corporation engaging in carrying on, or conducting wholly or in part the business of buying or selling, trading, or dealing within the State of Montana, in the skins or pelts of any animal or animals, designated by the laws of Montana as furbearing or predatory animals, shall be deemed a fur dealer within the meaning of the act. If such fur dealer resides in or if his or its principal place of business is within the State of Montana, he or it shall be deemed a resident fur dealer. All other fur dealers shall be deemed nonresident fur dealers.

LICENSES

Licenses are available from Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks offices in Kalispell, Missoula, Bozeman, Great Falls, Billings, Glasgow, Miles City, and Helena.

General Trapper: $20; available only to resident conservation license holders 13 years of age or older.

Youth Trapper: $3; available only to resident conservation license holders 6 through 12 years of age. Valid for mink, muskrat, and marten only.

Landowner Trapper: $1; applicants must give legal description of land owned or leased, name, address, and resident conservation license number.

Nonresident C2 Predator and Nongame Wildlife Trapper: $250; available only to nonresidents 13 years of age or older whose state of residence sell nonresident trapper licenses to Montana residents.

Fur Dealer's License: Resident Fur Dealer - $10; Fur Dealer Agent - $10; Nonresident Fur Dealer - $50.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Permission: Resident trappers must obtain permission of landowners before trapping on private land. Nonresidents must obtain written permission from the landowner, lessee or his agent before trapping or snaring predatory and nongame wildlife on private property.

Dogs: Dogs may be used to take bobcat. All other furbearing animals may be taken only by trapping or snaring.

Identification: Metal identification tags that bear the name and address of the trapper must be fastened to all traps and snares. Snares must also have telephone numbers included on the tag. Landowners who trap with permit on their own lands and irrigation rights-of-way contiguous to their land do not need to tag traps or snares.

Snares: It is unlawful to set snares on private property without the landowner's consent. Snares must be set in a manner and at a time so as not to duly endanger livestock. A trapper who injures livestock in a snare is liable for damages.

Preserves, Department Lands: All state game preserves are open to trapping. Trapping on Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks' lands will be allowed by written authorization of the area manager or a department employee on lands not having a resident manager. Beaver Creek Park open to trapping by permission only obtained from Hill County Park Board.

Live Furbearers: Live furbearing animals may not be possessed except under the provisions of the fur farm or roadside zoo permits.

Closures: All National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, and Indian Trust or Tribal Trust lands are closed to trapping except as otherwise specified. Permits to trap on National Wildlife Refuges may be issued by the Refuge Manager.

Pelt Possession: It shall be unlawful for any fur dealer or fur dealer agent to purchase or possess any untagged bobcat or lynx pelt.

Export: A federal export permit is required in addition to a Montana state tag before the pelts of bobcat, Canada lynx, and river otter may be exported from the United States. Apply to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 600 Central Plaza, Room 209, Great Falls, MT 59401.

Carcasses (Wolverine, Fisher, and Swift Fox): It is mandatory that the entire and intact carcass of all wolverine and fisher be turned in to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in good condition, at the time the pelt is presented for tagging. Good condition is defined as fresh or frozen and securely wrapped in such a manner as to have prevented decomposition in order that all tissue samples shall be suitable for lab analysis.

Any wolverine or fisher pelt that is presented for tagging without the carcass in good condition shall be subject to confiscation. Complete carcass, including pelt, of accidentally trapped swift fox must be turned in to Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel if animal cannot be released alive.

Destroying Muskrat and Beaver Houses: It is unlawful for any person to willfully destroy, open or leave open, a house of muskrat or beaver, except that this shall not prohibit trapping in the house of muskrats when authorized by the Commission.

Checking and Placing Traps: Traps should be checked at least once every 48 hours.

No trap or snare should be set within 30 feet of exposed bait consisting of animal or bird carcasses to prevent accidental trapping of raptors.

It is unlawful to disturb traps or trapped animals belonging to another trapper without permission.

Tagged Furbearers: A number of furbearing animals have been ear tagged for scientific study. If one of these animals is captured, please notify the nearest game warden or regional office of the tag number or numbers and the locality of the capture.

PELT TAGGING

Beaver pelts taken within Trapping Districts 1, 2, and 3 must be tagged by Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel residing in the district where taken prior to sale or transfer, or within 10 days following the closure of the applicable season. Untagged hides will be subject to confiscation. A free beaver permit must be obtained from the Miles City Regional Headquarters by trappers prior to trapping along the Yellowstone River from the bridge at Custer to Highway 22 bridge at Miles City. Beaver pelts taken in Trapping Districts 4, 5, 6 and the remainder of 7 do not require tagging.

Otter, marten, and wolverine pelts must be tagged by the Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel residing in the district where pelts were taken no later than 10 days after close of the open season.

Bobcat, Canada lynx, and fisher pelts must be tagged by Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel residing in the trapping district where killed, within 72 hours of taking. The species, trapping district, date and tag number will be permanently recorded on the back of the trapper's license when pelts are tagged. Bobcat, lynx, and fisher pelts not presented to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks for tagging within 72 hours of taking are subject to confiscation.

Taking of fur animals during the open season by any means other than trapping or snaring is prohibited, unless otherwise stated.

FUR ANIMAL SEASONS

The state has been divided into seven legally described trapping districts, designated by numbers, wherein the season dates, limits, and species of furbearers which may be taken are specified.

Mink: Open Season: November 1, 1986, through December 31, 1986: Trapping Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Muskrat: Open Season: November 1, 1986, through March 31, 1987: Trapping Districts 1 and 2. November 1, 1986, through April 15, 1987: Trapping Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 inclusive, except Freezout Wildlife Management Area and Upper Madison Beaver Management Area. (See SPECIAL REGULATIONS.)

Traps may not be set in muskrat houses in Districts 1, 2 and 5. (Feed beds, push ups and bank dens excepted.) Traps may be set in muskrat houses in Districts 3, 4, 6 and 7 provided the part removed is replaced after insertion of the trap; this also to be done after removal of the trap. It is unlawful for any person to willfully destroy, leave open, or partially destroy any muskrat house.

Marten: Open Season: December 1, 1986, through January 31, 1987: Trapping District 1. November 1, 1986, through February 28, 1987: Trapping Districts 3 and 5. December 1, 1986 through February 28, 1987: Trapping Districts 2 and 4. (See PELT TAGGING.)

Wolverine: Open Season: December 1, 1986, through January 31, 1987: Trapping Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Limit: Persons may take and possess one (1) wolverine each per season. (See PELT TAGGING.)

Wolverine may be taken only by a validated trapping license. Validation available without charge at all Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks headquarters prior to December 1, 1986 only. Untagged hides of wolverine that are not covered by a current validated license or that have not been presented to Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel by February 10, 1987, with the carcass in good condition shall be subject to confiscation.

Bobcat - Canada Lynx: Open-Season: December 1, 1986, through January 31, 1987: Trapping Districts 1, 4, and 5. Bobcat-lynx season will close on 48 hours' notice upon reaching the trapping district quota or state quota or on January 31, 1987, whichever occurs first.

December 1, 1986, through February 15, 1987: Trapping Districts 2, 3, 6, and 7. Bobcat-lynx season will close on 48 hours' notice upon reaching the trapping district quota or state quota or on February 15, 1987, whichever occurs first.

Limits:

Trapping District	Limit per Trapper	District Quota	
1	3 cats total (no more than 2 bobcats or 2 lynx within the total)	150 bobcats	35 lynx
2	3 cats total (no more than 2 bobcats or 2 lynx within the total)	160 bobcats	40 lynx
3	2 cats total (no more than 1 may be a lynx)	200 bobcats	15 lynx
4	3 cats total (no more than 1 may be a lynx)	150 bobcats	15 lynx
5	3 cats total (no more than 1 may be a lynx)	200 bobcats	5 lynx
6	3 cats total (no more than 2 bobcats or 1 lynx within the total)	100 bobcats	5 lynx
7	5 cats total (no more than 1 may be a lynx)	600 bobcats	5 lynx
		State Quota	
		1,560 bobcats	120 lynx

Validation: Bobcat and Canada lynx may be taken only by hunters or trappers with a validated trapper's license. Validation must be obtained prior to December 1, 1986, and is available free of charge at all Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks regional offices.

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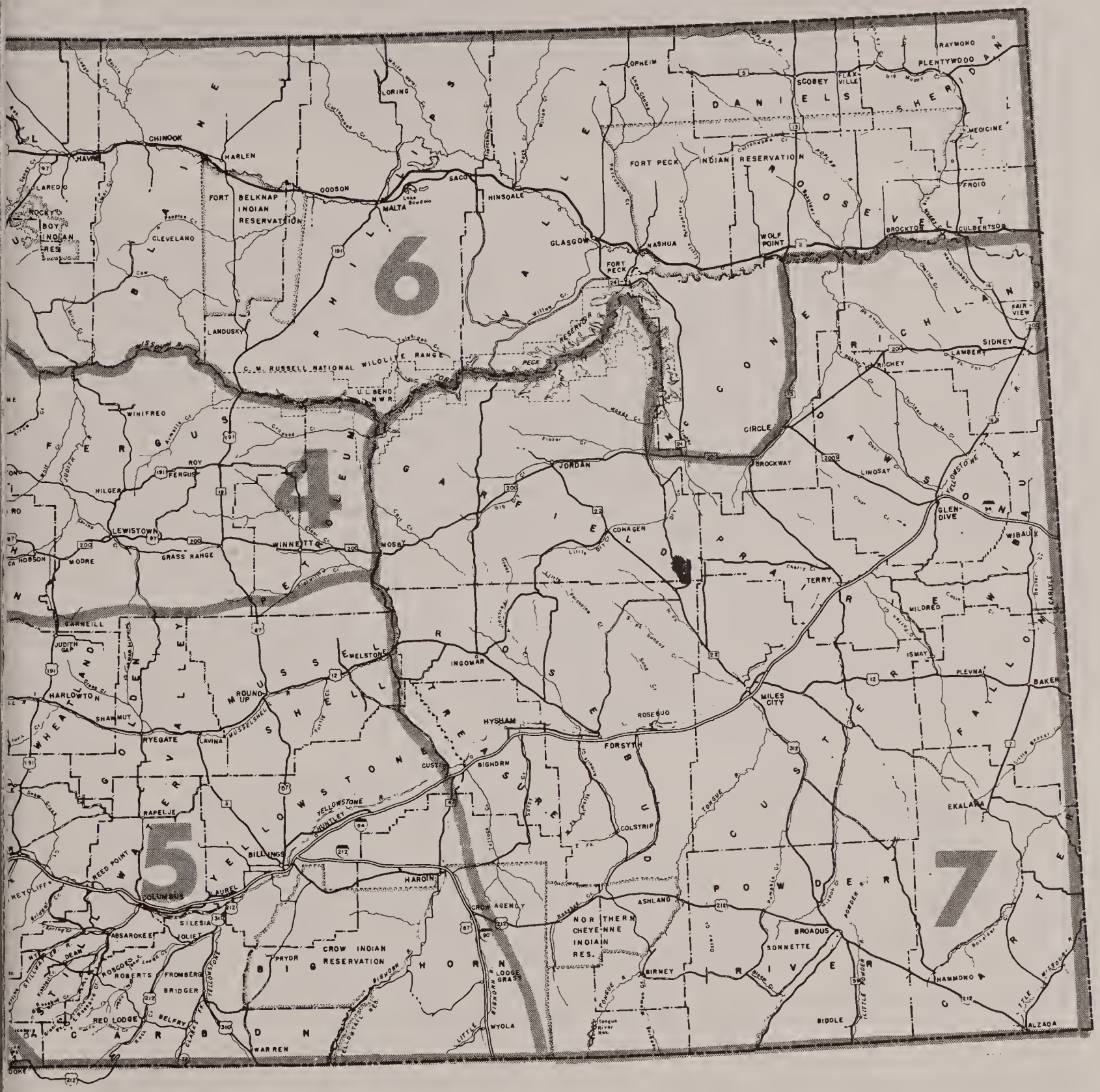

Legal Descriptions
Fur Trapping Regions

Region I.
Those portions of Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Powell, and Sander counties within the following described boundary: Beginning at a point where th Continental Divide intersects with the Glacier National Park boundary at Marias Pass thence westerly and northerly along the Glacier National Park boundary to the Canadia line, thence westerly along the Canadian line to the Montana-Idaho border, thence southerl along said border to its junction with the Sanders-Mineral County line, thence easterl along said county line to Trail 404 near Combpest Peak, thence east on Trail 404 to Mille Creek Loop Road, thence along Miller Creek and Forest Road 7592 to Patrick's Knob, thenc southerly on Trail 1714 to Montana Route 135, thence easterly along said route to Trai 242, thence southerly along said trail to Clark Fork-Ninemile Divide, thence easterly alon said divide and Sanders County line to the Flathead Indian Reservation, thence northerl and easterly and then southerly along said reservation to the Swan-Clearwater Divide thence east and north along said divide to the Blackfoot-Flathead Divide at Wolverine Peak thence south, east and north along said divide to the Continental Divide at Triple Divid Mountain, thence northerly along said divide to the Glacier National Park boundary a Marias Pass, the point of beginning.

Region 2
Those portions of Deer Lodge, Granite, Lewis and Clark, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, ar Ravalli Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Lookout Pas on the Montana-Idaho border, thence in an easterly direction along the Minera County-Sanders County line to U.S. Forest Service Trail 404 near Combpest Peak, thence eas on said trail to Miller Creek Loop Forest Service Road, thence east along said road to it junction with U.S. Forest Service Trail 415, thence south and east on said trail to it junction with U.S. Forest Service Trail 1714, thence south on said trail to the Clark For River at the Cascade Campgound, thence south along Forest Service Trail 242 to th Ninemile-Seigel Creek Divide, thence easterly along said divide to the Flathead India Reservation, thence southeasterly and northeasterly along said reservation boundary to th Swan-Clearwater Divide, thence easterly and northerly along said divide to th Blackfoot-Flathead Divide, thence southerly, easterly and northerly along said divide t the Continental Divide at Triple Divide Mountain, thence southeasterly along said divide t the Deer Lodge-Silver Bow County line, thence southerly and westerly along said line t Interstate 90, thence southerly along said interstate highway to U.S. Highway 10A, thenc northwesterly along said highway to state Route 274 (Mill Creek Road), thence southerl along said route to the Continental Divide, thence southwesterly along said divide to th Montana-Idaho border, thence westerly and northerly along said border to Lookout Pass, th point of beginning.

Region 3
Those portions of Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Jefferson, Madison Meagher, Park and Silver Bow Counties lying with the following described boundary Beginning at Mount Tiny on the Continental Divide, thence southwesterly along said divid to the Montana-Idaho border, thence southerly and westerly along said border to th Yellowstone National Park Boundary, thence northerly and easterly along said boundary t the Stillwater-Yellowstone River Divide,. thence northwesterly along said divide t Columbine Pass and the Boulder River-Yellowstone River divide, thence westerly an northerly along said divide to Interstate 90 (U.S. Highway 10), thence easterly along sai interstate to U.S. Highway 191, thence northerly along said highway to the Yellowstone River, thence westerly along the south bank of said river to the mouth of Duck Creek thence northwesterly along the west bank of said creek to the West Fork of Duck Creek thence northwesterly along the west bank of said creek to the Shields-Yellowstone River divide (Crazy Mountain Divide), thence northerly and westerly along said divide to th Shields-Musselshell River Divide, thence westerly along said divide to the Smith Shield River Divide and the head of the Middle Fork of Sixteen Mile Creek, thence westerly dow the south bank of said creek to Sixteen Mile Creek, thence northeasterly along the sout bank of said creek to the Missouri River-Battle Creek divide, thence northerly along sai divide to the Missouri River-Smith River divide, thence northwesterly along said divide t the Soup Creek-Beaver Creek divide, thence westerly along said divide to Hauser Dam on th Missouri River, thence southerly along the east shore of the Missouri River to the Canyo Ferry Reservoir, thence westerly across the Missouri River and southeasterly along the wes shore of Canyon Ferry Reservoir to the Beaver Creek-Prickly Pear Creek divide, thenc southwesterly up said divide to the Crow Creek-Prickly Pear Creek divide, thenc southwesterly along said divide to the Boulder River-Prickly Pear Creek divide, thenc northwesterly along said divide to the Continental Divide, thence westerly an southwesterly along said divide to the Deer Lodge-Silver Bow County line, thence southerl and westerly along said line to Interstate 90, thence southerly along said interstate t U.S. Highway 10A, thence northwesterly along said highway to State Route 274 (Mill Cree Road), thence southerly along said route to the Continental Divide near Mount Tiny, th point of beginning.

Region 4.
Those portions of Hill, Glacier, Chouteau, Toole, Liberty, Pondera, Teton, Cascade, Lewi and Clark, Jefferson, Meagher, Park, Judith Basin, Fergus and Petroleum counties lyin within the following described boundary: Beginning at a point where the Eastern boundar of Glacier National Park intersects the United States-Canada Boundary, thence east alon said boundary to a county road approximately one mile west of the Liberty-Hill County line thence southerly along said road to U.S. Highway 2 at Joplin, thence west along Highway to State Route 223 at Chester, thence south along said route to the Marias River, thenc

southerly along the east bank of said river to the Missouri River, thence easterly along the south bank of said river to the Fort Peck Reservoir, thence easterly and southerly along the south edge of said reservoir to the Musselshell River, thence southerly along the west bank of said river to Flatwillow Creek, thence westerly along the north bank of said creek to Durfee Creek, thence westerly along said creek to the Little Snowy Mountain Divide, thence westerly along said divide to the Musselshell-Missouri Divide, thence southeasterly and easterly along said divide to the Sixteen Mile-Musselshell River Divide, thence southerly and easterly to the Sixteen Mile Creek-Shields River divide, thence westerly and southerly along said divide to the head of the Middle Fork of Sixteen Mile Creek, thence westerly down the south bank of said creek to Sixteen Mile Creek, thence northeasterly along the north bank of said creek to the Missouri River-Battle Creek divide, thence northerly along said divide to the Missouri River-Smith River divide, thence northwesterly along said divide to the Soup Creek-Beaver Creek divide, thence westerly along said divide to Hauser Dam on the Missouri River, thence southerly along the east shore of the Missouri River to the Canyon Ferry Reservoir, thence westerly across the Missouri River and southeasterly along the west shore of Canyon Ferry Reservoir to the Beaver Creek-Spokane Creek divide, thence southwesterly along said divide to the Beaver Creek-Prickly Pear Creek divide, thence southwesterly up said divide to the Crow Creek-Prickly Pear Creek divide, thence southwesterly along said divide to the Boulder River-Prickly Pear Creek divide, thence northwesterly along said divide to the Continental Divide, thence northerly along said divide to the Glacier National Park boundary, thence easterly and northerly along said boundary to the United States-Canada boundary, the point of beginning.

Region 5

Those portions of Fergus, Golden Valley, Meagher, Musselshell, Petroleum, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Wheatland, Park, Yellowstone, Big Horn, Carbon, and Treasure counties lying within the following described boundaries: Beginning at Wolverine Peak where the Stillwater-Yellowstone River divide meets with the Yellowstone National Park Boundary, thence northwesterly along said divide to Columbine Pass and the Boulder River-Yellowstone River divide, thence westerly and northerly along said divide to Interstate 90 (U.S. Highway 10), thence easterly along said interstate to U.S. Highway 191, hence northerly along said highway to the Yellowstone River, thence westerly along the south bank of said river to the mouth of Duck Creek, thence northwesterly along the west bank of said creek to the West Fork of Duck Creek, thence northwesterly along the west bank of said creek to the Shields-Yellowstone River divide (Crazy Mountain Divide), thence northerly and westerly along said divide to the Shields-Musselshell River Divide, thence westerly along said divide to the Missouri-Musselshell River divide, thence northerly and easterly along said divide to Little Snowy Mountain Divide, thence easterly along said divide to the head of Durfee Creek, thence down Durfee Creek to Flatwillow Creek, thence easterly along the north bank of Flatwillow Creek to the Musselshell River, thence south down the east bank of the Musselshell River to the Melstone-Custer Road bridge, 1½ miles south of Melstone, thence south along the Melstone-Custer Road to north bank of the Yellowstone River, thence east down the north bank of said river to its confluence with the Bighorn River, thence south up the east bank of the Bighorn River to Manning Diversion Dam, thence southerly along the Bighorn-Tullock Creek Divide to the Little Bighorn-Tullock Creek Divide, thence southerly along said divide to the Little Bighorn-Rosebud Creek Divide, thence southerly along said divide to the Little Bighorn-Tongue River Divide, thence southerly along said divide to the Montana-Wyoming state line, thence westerly along said line to the Yellowstone National Park Boundary, thence northerly and westerly along said boundary to the Stillwater-Yellowstone River divide at Wolverine Peak the point of beginning.

Region 6

Those portions of Liberty, Hill, Choteau, Blaine, Phillips, Valley, Daniels, Sheridan, Roosevelt, Garfield and McCone Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at a point where State Route 233 joins the Canadian Line (near the port of Willow Creek), then west along said line to the County Road west of the Hill-Liberty County Line, then south along said road to U.S. Highway 2 at Joplin, then west along Highway 2 to State Route 223 at Chester, then south along Route 223 to the Marias River, then southerly along said river to the Missouri River, then east and southeast along said river to Fort Peck Reservoir, then east and south along said reservoir to Big Dry Creek, then south along said creek to State Route 200, then east and northeast along Route 200 to State Route 13 at Circle, then north along Route 13 to the Missouri River, then east along said river to Big Muddy Creek, then north along said creek to U.S. Highway 2, then east along Highway 2 to the North Dakota border, then north along said border to the Canadian Border, then west along said border to state route 233, the point of beginning.

Region 7

Those portions of Bighorn, Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Musselshell, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Treasure, Yellowstone, and Wibaux Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the confluence of the Bighorn and Yellowstone Rivers, then west along the Yellowstone River to the Custer-Melstone Road, then north along said road to Melstone, then east along U.S. Highway 12 to the Musselshell River bridge, then north down the east bank of the Musselshell River to the Missouri River, then east and north down the Missouri River to Fort Peck Powerhouse, then south along the east shore of the Fort Peck Reservoir to Big Dry Creek, then south up Big Dry Creek to Little Dry Creek, then east along State Route 200 to Circle, then north along State Route 13 to the Missouri River bridge near Wolf Point, then east down the Missouri River to the Montana-North Dakota state-line, then south to the Montana-Wyoming state line, then west along the Montana-Wyoming state line to the Little Bighorn-Tongue River Divide, then northerly along said divide to the Little Bighorn-Rosebud Creek Divide, then northerly along said divide to the Little Bighorn-Tullock Creek Divide, then northerly along said divide to the Manning Diversion Dam on the east bank of the Bighorn River, then along said river to the confluence of the Bighorn and Yellowstone Rivers the point of beginning.

FUR TRAPP

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TEXFORD
EUREKA
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
CONTINENTAL DIVIDE
BLACKFEET INDIAN RES.
BROWNING
CUTBANK
KEVIN
SHELBY
DUNKIRK
CHESTER
HINGHAM
LIBBY
WEST GLACIER
WHITEFISH
KALISPELL
TIBER RES.
CONRAD
DUPUYER
BRADY
FORT BENTON
LOMA
CHOTEAU
DUTTON
FAIRFIELD
NOXON
THOMPSON FALLS
ELMO
FLATHEAD
POLSON
FLATHEAD LAKE
HOT SPRINGS
INDIAN RESERVATION
PLAINS
PARADISE
SALTESE
ST IGNATIUS
DIXON
ARLEE
SUPERIOR
AUGUSTA
SIMMS
GREAT FALLS
MISSOURI R.
HIGHWOOD
BELT
CASCADE
GEYSER
MISSOULA
BONNER
FLORENCE
STEVENSVILLE
GARRISON
ELLISTON
HELENA
EAST HELENA
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
DEER LODGE
JEFFERSON CITY
TOWNSEND
HAMILTON
PHILIPSBURG
BASIN
BOULDER
RADERSBURG
RINGLING
MAUDLOW
ANACONDA
BUTTE
MANHATTAN
WILSALL
CLYDE PARK
BIG SANDY
DIVIDE
WISDOM
MELROSE
TWIN BRIDGES
SHERIDAN
PONY
HARRISON
NORRIS
BOZEMAN
LIVINGSTON
EMIGRANT
VIRGINIA CITY
DILLON
BARNACK
DELL
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Harvest District Designation: Bobcat and Canada lynx trapping license holders must select one trapping district at the time of validation. Each trapper or hunter may take the limit designated for that district only and pelts must be tagged in that trapping district.

Means Of Taking: Bobcat and lynx may be taken by trapping, snaring or hunting. Houndsmen and other hunters with a validated trapper's license will be allowed to chase and/or kill bobcat during the period trapping season is open. Hunters holding a validated trapper's license will be allowed to chase bobcat during the trapping season after they have filled their bobcat limit. (See PELT TAGGING.)

Chase Season: Chasing only of bobcat by properly licensed houndsmen is permitted from February 1 through February 28, 1987, except in trapping districts 2, 3, 6, and 7 where chasing only will be permitted from February 16 through February 28, 1987.

Fisher: Open Season: December 1, 1986, through January 31, 1987: Trapping Districts 1 and 2. Season will close on 48 hours' notice when district totals of ten (10) fisher (ten (10) in each district) are taken but no later than January 31, 1987.

Limit: Persons may take and possess only one (1) fisher each per season. (See PELT TAGGING.)

Trapping Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 closed. Accidentally trapped fishers that cannot be released alive must be turned in to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Black-Footed Ferret: Closed. Classified as an endangered species in Montana.

Swift Fox: Closed.

GENERAL BEAVER/OTTER SEASON REGULATIONS

Owners and lessees of real estate being damaged by beaver may apply for a permit to trap beaver under other provisions of the law. Please see your local game warden for further information. Beaver taken by a trapper responding to and participating in a beaver damage complaint, will not be counted against any regular beaver season limit or quota.

Only persons in possession of the 1986-87 General Trapper's License may participate in the general beaver/otter season.

Beaver/Otter: Open Season: November 1, 1986, through March 31, 1987: Trapping Districts 1 and 2, except Swan drainage in Region One which will be open only from November 1, 1986, through December 31, 1986.

Limit: Trapping District 1, the season limit is seven (7) beaver and one (1) otter per trapper. Trapping District 2, the season limit is ten (10) beaver and one (1) otter per trapper.

November 1, 1986, through April 15, 1987: Trapping Districts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, except portions along the Yellowstone and Bighole Rivers, the Upper Madison Beaver Management Area, and the Beartooth Wildlife Management Area. (See SPECIAL REGULATIONS.)

Exception: January 1, 1987, through March 15, 1987: That portion of District 7 along the Yellowstone River from the bridge at Custer to Hwy 22 bridge at Miles City. (Free permit required.)

Limit:
Beaver: Trapping Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Beaver unlimited, except portions of the Bighole River, the Upper Madison Beaver Management Area, and the Beartooth Wildlife Management Area. (See SPECIAL REGULATIONS.) (See PELT TAGGING.)

Otter: Persons may take and possess one (1) otter each per season. (See PELT TAGGING.)

November 31, 1986, through December 31, 1986: That portion of the Bighole River and all its tributaries above the Divide Bridge.

Limit: Seven (7) beaver and one (1) otter per trapper.

All areas closed to beaver trapping are also closed to otter trapping.

CLOSED TO BEAVER/OTTER TRAPPING

Broadwater County: Those portions of Dry Creek, Confederate Gulch, White Gulch, and Avalanche Gulch on public land.

Deer Lodge County: The entire Dry Cottonwood Creek drainage, Mt. Haggin Wildlife Management Area.

Gallatin County: That portion of the Gallatin River and all of its tributaries above the Gallatin River Bridge at the Squaw Creek Ranger Station.

Lincoln County: Pipe Creek and its tributaries from the Blue Creek Road to its headwaters.

Madison County: The Ruby River drainage and all its tributaries above the mouth of Short Creek including Short Creek.

Mineral County: Entire Cedar Creek and Big Creek drainages.

Missoula and Mineral counties: The entire Fish Creek drainage.

Missoula County: Josephine, McCormick, and Blanchard Creek drainages. Nine Mile Creek drainage above Pine Creek.

Missoula and Ravalli counties: The entire Lolo Creek drainage.

Phillips County: Those portions of Lodgepole, Beaver, and Camp Creeks on public land within the Little Rocky Mountains.

Powell County: The entire Willow Creek drainage and the entire Pikes Peak drainage.

Sanders County: Graves Creek, Dry Creek and Clear Creek and their tributaries.

Teton County: The entire drainages including all tributaries of the South, Middle, West, and North Forks of the Teton River downstream to the U.S. Forest Service boundary.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Mt. Haggin Wildlife Management Area: The Mt. Haggin Area consists of trapping units where a quota of three (3) licensed trappers shall be permitted to trap one limit of furbearers, including seven (7) beaver. Trappers will be selected by a random drawing. Trappers will be able to select a trapping unit in the order of names drawn. The last trapper selected will not have a choice but will be assigned an area. Trappers wishing to take predators must contact Mike Frisina for a trapping permit. Applicants must submit their name, address, phone number, and trapper's license number by October 1, 1986 to:

Mike Frisina, Wildlife Biologist
1330 West Gold Street
Butte, MT 59701

Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area: The Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area is divided into six (6) trapping units. Two trapping seasons are designated - fall (November 1, 1986, to December 31, 1986) and spring (January 1, 1987, to March 31, 1987). Unit Six is closed to trapping during the fall season. Trappers will be selected by a random drawing. Prior to the drawing, each trapping unit is assigned a number and is awarded to the trapper with the corresponding rank on the priority list.

Applicants must submit their name, address, phone number, trapper's license number and indicate the season for which they wish to be considered by October 1, 1986 to:

Frank Fiest, Wildlife Biologist
Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Rural Route 4041
Great Falls, MT 59405

Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area: The Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area is divided into five (5) trapping units. Trappers will be selected by a random drawing. Trappers will be able to select a trapping unit in the order of names drawn. The last trapper selected will not have a choice, but will be assigned an area.

No trapping will be allowed on the Area until the end of the pheasant hunting season.

Applicants must submit their name, address, phone number, and trapper's license number by October 1, 1986 to:

Jeff Herbert, Wildlife Biologist
Box 661
Townsend, MT 59644

Beartooth Wildlife Management Area: Trappers interested in trapping beaver on the Beartooth Wildlife Management Area must submit their name, address and trapper's license number by October 1, 1986 to:

Hubert Ellwein, Area Manager
Beartooth Wildlife Management Area
Box 168
Wolf Creek, MT 59648
Phone: 235-4249

Upper Madison Beaver Management Area: Those portions of Gallatin and Madison counties that include all of the Madison River drainage upstream from the Earthquake Lake Dam described as follows: Beginning at the outlet of the Earthquake Lake Dam on the Madison River, then northerly to U.S. Highway 287, then northeasterly to the intersection of Rock Creek and then up Rock Creek to the Beaverhead-Gallatin National Forest boundary, then northerly on said boundary to the Madison River-Gallatin River divide, then easterly along said divide to the western boundary of Yellowstone National Park, then south along said boundary to the Montana-Idaho state line, then westerly and northerly along the state line to the western boundary of the Gallatin National Forest, then northerly along this boundary to the Madison River, then easterly along said river to the outlet of the Earthquake Lake Dam, the point of beginning.

The upper Madison trapping area consists of seven (7) units for beaver and otter with quotas for each species. Trapping season is October 15, 1986, through April 30, 1987, by permit only. Trappers will be selected by a random drawing. Trappers will be able to select a trapping unit in the order of names drawn. The last trapper selected will not have a choice, but will be assigned an area. Applicants must submit their name, address, phone number, and trapper's license number by October 1, 1986 to:

Graham Taylor, Wildlife Biologist
Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
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